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Applicant

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Title

SUSTAINED RELEASE DRUG DELIVERY WITH PREFABRICATED

PERMEABLE PLUGS

Group/Art Unit

1615

Examiner

Robert M. Joynes

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is requested that the period for response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2004 be extended to allow for response within two month(s) after the time originally set. The time originally set was September 30, 2004. The extended period will expire November 30, 2004.

A response to the Office Action is filed herewith.

Fee Calculation

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